

Qualitative Assessment Template

Name of Action Community Gardens

In a few short sentences, please describe the action and identify your partners.
The Township has had an active community garden at the Barclay Farmstead for more than thirty years (it is currently active). The Farmstead is owned by the Township and operated in partnership with the Friends of Barclay Farmstead, a 501(c)3 organization.

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Plant-a-Patch provides residents with a 25' x 25' patch of land for a fee of \$30 a year. Remaining costs for the Township average around \$5,000 for materials and employee time.

Assess what worked and what could be done if this action is tried again in the community.
This action has been a successful program for the past 30 years and there is little, if anything that we would do differently from a programmatic perspective.

What are the next steps for this action?

It would be nice to take this model and expand it onto other Township owned properties. Some mapping should be done to establish possible locations along with community outreach in neighborhoods where sites have been identified to establish need and document any concerns.

Name of Action School Gardens

In a few short sentences, please describe the action and identify your partners.
The Township partners with Cherry Hill Public Schools, Sustainable Cherry Hill, and Recyclebank to apply for grant monies to build and maintain school gardens.

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The Townships Recreation department does research for grant monies available and then reaches out to the appropriate organization to apply for the grant. Members of the Township including the Mayor coordinate and attend award events to recognize the schools accomplishments and to increase public knowledge of school gardens.

Assess what worked and what could be done if this action is tried again in the community.

It is the goal of the Township to get more Cherry Hill Public Schools to have school gardens.

What are the next steps for this action?

The Township will continue to look for grants made available for Cherry Hill Public Schools to receive.